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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

POST OFFICE.

Fort William, the 7th March 1879.

No. 1170.—Ordered that the following Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India*:—

It has been brought to the notice of the Government of India, that articles liable to Sea Customs duty are frequently imported into India through the Letter Post and thus escape the duty to which they are liable. Such importations are in direct contravention of the Indian Post Office Act, 1866, section 60 of which Act declares that any cover supposed to contain articles subject to Customs duty may be opened by the Post Office authorities after due notice to attend has been given to the addressee.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council desires to remind the public that the importation through the Letter Post of goods liable to duty is illegal, and to notify for general information that the provisions of section 60 of Act XIV of 1866 will be strictly enforced.

Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the several Local Governments and Administrations, and for information and guidance to the Director General of the Post Office of India.

R. B. CHAPMAN,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Notifications, &c., by the Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

APPOINTMENT.

Fort St. George, 31*st March* 1879.

No. 1.—Colonel R. H. Sankey, R. E., to be Chief Engineer, 1st class, and Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department.

J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, *Col.*, R. E.,
Acting Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL ORDERS BY HIS GRACE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Fort St. George, 29*th March* 1879.

No. 252 *of* 1879.—The undermentioned officers have reported their return from Europe:—

Lieutenant-Colonel A. G. D. Logan, Staff Corps, Assistant Commissioner, 1st class, Mysore.
Major E. Shaw, Staff Corps, Assistant Commissioner, 1st class, Mysore.

} Arrived at Madras on the 24th March 1879.

C. G. MASTER,
Ag. Chief Secy. to Govt.

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Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, Financial Department, 24th March 1879.

From the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, To the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Financial Dept., Calcutta. No. 3360—Finl. 42, dated Bangalore, 15th January 1879.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Sinkinson's letter No. 4011, dated 9th November last, returning the statements of pensions and gratuities granted in this Province during the quarter ending 30th September 1878, with observations thereon under three heads.

2. In re-submitting the statements 5 in number, I am to state that the particulars referred to in the 1st have been duly supplied; and that the statements of compensation and invalid pensions for inferior service were blank.

3. Under the 2nd head explanation is called for with reference to entries Nos. 3 and 8 in the statement headed 'Inferior invalid gratuity,' in which while the average emoluments in these cases are shewn as Rs. 12 and Rs. 16 respectively, the gratuities are calculated on Rs. 10. On this point, I am desired to state that in the absence of any specific ruling, it has been the practice in this Province, under the advice of the Deputy Accountant General, to compute gratuities for inferior service on a limit of Rs. 10, even when the average emoluments of the applicant exceeds that sum. This practice is based on the construction placed on the wording of section 41 of the Civil Pension Code, which prescribes that service on pay not exceeding Rs. 10 is "Inferior Service." The correctness of this view is however, I am to observe, open to question, and a ruling on the point is solicited.

From the Under-Secretary to the Govt. of India, Financial Department, To the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, No. 1036, dated Fort William, the 27th February 1879.

With reference to para 3 of your letter No. 3360—F. 42, dated 15th January 1879, I am directed to say that the practice, at present obtaining in Mysore, of calculating gratuities for inferior service upon a limit of ten rupees is not correct, and that such gratuities should invariably be computed upon average pay for the last three years of service, even if the amount of such average pay exceeds Rs. 10. The condition of pay exceeding 10 rupees is only one of several tests for determining whether service is to rank as "Superior" or "Inferior."

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Accountant General in Mysore.

No. 12052—14, dated Bangalore, 24th March 1879.

Ordered, that the above letters be communicated to the Deputy Accountant General in Mysore, to all Heads of Departments, and published in the *Mysore Gazette*.

T. R. A. Thumboo Chetty,
For Offg. Secretary.